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Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Dear Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Thousands of American consumers have already expressed their opposition to the FCC's adoption of a "broadcast flag" I am writing to join them. As a user of open-source software, adoption of the broadcast flag will mean I am unable to receive digital television broadcasts on my computer.

Adopting the broadcast flag will make the FCC stand for "Federal Computer Control" which is outside its proper role. It is not the FCC's place to effectively choose the software licenses or computer operating systems that consumers must use in order to watch digital television broadcast on their computers.

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Sincerely,

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I recently purchased a Panasonic 106h DVR. This Digital Video Recorder has a hard drive that can store up to 106 hours of video.

"Great!", I thought, "copy the kid's DVD's to the harddrive so that the peanut butter covered fingers can't destroy the Disney original!"

I figured I could load up our DVD's like a play list and let the kids use the remote to control what they want to watch. Maybe make a backup copy of a few of my favorites to play on my laptop while travelling.

Well, guess what, the DVD's have the broadcast flag already on them. You can't copy them using this machine.

My head was spinning as I read the chapter of "can and can't" on the broadcast flag. Finally, when I couldn't play a DVD I made from a broadcast TV show on my computer, I took the thing back.

I WILL NOT BUY ANOTHER DVR/HDTV if it has the broadcast flag!

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In imposing the broadcast flag rule, the FCC will in essence dictate to the software industry how their products are to be developed and licensed, and which technologies they must use. This is an area which is not the purview of the FCC – in a free market society, market forces should determine which technologies succeed or fail, not unmandated and unnecessary restrictions created by the FCC. Consumers must be free to choose which solutions and technologies they will use to interact with digital broadcasts. The special interests and greed of large corporations such as the MPAA have no place in discussions about consumers' choice of their digital broadcast products.

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